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U. S. RESENTMENT GROWING OVER OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS OF FRANCE AT CONFERENCE

Serious Consequences on the Economic Side May Result, as Well as Drawing Britain and United States Nearer Together in the Future.

Erratic Action of France Will Long Be Felt Here—All Europe Needs Help of This Country, Which May Be Endangered.

By David Lawrence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (Copyright 1921).—France is riding toward a fall so far as she may be expecting the moral help or support of the United States Government in the working out of economic problems.

The most far reaching results are likely to ensue from the French policy of obstruction at the Washington Conference. The disappointment over France's attitude on the limitation of submarines is so great that the strongest kind of talk is heard in official circles, the net effect of which is to draw Great Britain and the United States closer together and away from France.

The feeling here is that France is unyielding in her attitude on the building of submarines largely because of the Franco-British friction which has been developing ever since the end of the European war. The move of France in asking for more submarines is regarded as purely anti-British and as a means of offsetting what the French claim to be anti-French tactics in Europe on the part of the British, especially in relation to Near Eastern questions, and a growing concord as between England and Germany.

But while France is making her gestures in the great game of European diplomacy, hoping to bring England to terms on Continental matters, she is forgetting the effect upon the United States. Unfortunately for France, nobody in the delegation here seems to be strong enough to shape French policy, which is being mapped out in Europe irrespective of effect upon America. Some observers have suggested that France is revenging herself for the failure of the Versailles Treaty or the defensive treaty between Great Britain, United States and France. Others are saying that France is playing for a British guarantee of French security, and that at the proper moment she will yield her demand for large armaments.

But the most important phase of the whole matter, at least so far as

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FRANCE'S STAND MAY FORCE ITALY TO JOIN BRITAIN

Italian Press Spokesman at Conference Sees an Entente Against France.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. Italy may be forced to an entente with Great Britain against France because of the French demand for a big submarine fleet, the press spokesman for the Italian delegation hinted to-day.

The Italian spokesman inclined to picture France as seeking mastery over Europe. "A race for armament will be started," he said, "and there will be in the world a general feeling of uneasiness and a disposition to wonder why governments are increasing their war forces."

British statesmen declared France had made one of the worst "blunders" in her diplomatic history.

HYLAN WILL RETAIN ENRIGHT AND COLER, DRENNAN, O'MALLEY

No Changes in Commissioners Expected When Mayor's Second Term Begins.

It can be announced on high authority that there will be practically no changes in Commissioners when Mayor Hylan begins his second term on Jan. 1.

Police Commissioner Enright will be reappointed, and it can be stated that he will serve his full term.

Markets Commissioner O'Malley, who was investigated by the Meyer Legislative Committee; Public Welfare Commissioner Coler and Fire Commissioner Drennan will be reappointed. They are singled out because of rumors to the effect that they will either retire or be retired.

There may be two or three changes in minor offices, perhaps on commissions consisting of several members, but at the present time, so far as can be learned, the Mayor has no intention of making changes.

Rumors to the effect that Police Commissioner Enright will accept reappointment but retire in April or May and assume the head of a private detective agency, taking two of his favorites with him, is not regarded seriously in official quarters at City Hall.

David Hirschfeld will be reappointed Commissioner of Accounts.

SLEEPING SICKNESS CURE IS REPORTED

CHESTER, England, Dec. 12 (by mail).—A cure for sleeping sickness has been discovered in Germany, according to Prof. Newstead of the Liverpool University, who related how a man who had spent some years in Africa went to Liverpool University, where he was found to be suffering from sleeping sickness. The man, along with a young medical student, was sent to Germany and, said the professor, "he came home within a month completely cured." The Germans, he said, had discovered a new drug, which had proved invaluable in the cure of sleeping sickness.

JUDGE WOULD HAVE STATE BOARD FIX FELON SENTENCES

Rosalsky Also Urges Control Over Criminals for Life if Need Be.

HANDS OUT LONG TERM

Two Convicted Criminals Given Maximum Sentences Because of Previous Records.

After sentencing several men to long terms in Sing Sing to-day and dismissing the jury which has sat in his court this month, Judge Rosalsky, of General Sessions, said that a state board and not a judge should decide upon the sentence to be served by a convicted criminal and that the State should thus control a convicted criminal for life if need be.

"It has been said that men with criminal records have been too lightly dealt with in the courts," he said. "But that is not true in this court. In 1921 I sentenced criminals to an aggregate of 284 years and 4 months. 'Certain societies were formed in this city to reform criminals. But of late they have gone far beyond the limits prescribed in their incorporation papers. They are now trying to reform the sentences imposed on the criminals. The next thing we'll hear is that they have taken over some of the big hotels like the Waldorf or the St. Regis to house the lawbreakers at the expense of the public.'"

"I am in favor of having the State control a criminal for life if need be, once he has been convicted. The judge should not say what time he shall spend in prison. I am in favor of a Parole Board appointed by the Governor, which shall fix the sentences of criminals."

All penalties, save that for murder, should be wiped out as far as statutes are concerned. Let a board consist of Judges who have tried the criminals and then fix the sentence after the prisoners have been locked up for a few months.

Among the sentences decreed by Judge Rosalsky to-day was that of fifteen years in Sing Sing for Frank Ross, thirty, of No. 64 Rutgers Street, for leading a gang which had robbed card tables and players in homes and social clubs. He had a record of six previous convictions and terms in several institutions. On Sept. 4, last, he and his gang robbed Jacob Bloom and other players of \$1,200 at the point of revolvers at No. 57 Clinton Street, who was held in No. 57 Clinton Street, who was held in \$2,500 bail by Magistrate Simms in Morrisania court to-day.

Benny Grabowsky, nine, of No. 677 Dawson Street, was tricked out of his coat by a stranger on Dec. 17. To-day Benny and his aunt met Reith on Hewitt Place. Benny thought he recognized him as the overcoat thief. A boy's overcoat dropped from under Reith's coat as he turned to run, and Benny was sure. Policeman Dugan caught Reith.

Magistrate Simms directed the policeman to go to the home of the postman who delivers mail at the magistrate's home and get the postman's little boy who was recently robbed by a similar trick. He was the first of the youthful complainants to be summoned.

YOUTH HELD AS THIEF OF BOYS' OVERCOATS

Over Eighty-five Taken by Race During Cold Weather.

18 FAMILIES SAVED FROM UPTOWN FIRE BY TWO POLICEMEN

Kelly and Saffir Creep Along Narrow Copping to Reach Trapped Tenants.

ELEVATOR MEN HEROES

Rescue 100 Men and Women by Running Cars Past Burning Loft.

Eighteen families were cut off from the stairs by a \$30,000 blaze that was not under control until early to-day in the five-story apartment house, Nos. 2432-2434 Eighth Avenue. The fire started on the second floor of the building, which is near 130th Street.

Policemen Henry R. Kelly and William Saffir of West 135th Street Station were driven back from the stairs by smoke, and making their way to the second floor of an adjoining building crept along a narrow coping to the burning building.

They then were able to reach and climb the fire escape and kick in windows as they went, arousing the tenants and later assisting them to the street. On the third floor were James and Josephine Masselli and their six children.

On being aroused they were bewildered. They were found in the apartment, the children crying and clinging to their parents. Kelly and Saffir took them all to the fire escape and then, one by one, handed them over to other policemen and to firemen. Lucy Masselli, five, had her arms cut by broken glass before the police got her to the street.

Some tenants escaped by the roof. Many aged persons among them were assisted to the street, some having to be carried. Father Quinn of St. Aloysius's Church, nearby, took charge of some and led them to a drug store, where those who were hysterical were attended by ambulance surgeons.

A third alarm brought Chief Kenyon, who then directed the fight. Traffic in Eighth Avenue was tied up for more than an hour.

A fire in the ten-story Reliance Building at No. 32 Union Square East last night overcame three men and trapped 100 men and women who were led out by a watchman and an elevator man. The fire was in a celluloid concern's rooms, second floor. Fumes affected those on floors above, many of whom became hysterical and wanted to jump, but were restrained by others. The elevator man and watchman ran the cage past the blazing floor, bringing down a carload each time until the upper floors were entirely vacated. Gases from tanks of camphor, linseed oil and castor oil knocked out a number, three of whom were taken to the street unconscious and there revived.

Three men were found unconscious near the elevator shaft on the second floor and were taken to Bellevue Hospital. They were Daniel Koppke, twenty-eight, of No. 150 Kenmore Avenue; Julius Kaufman, twenty-seven, of No. 23 Manring Street, and Arthur A. Morse, twenty-seven, of No. 1276 Grant Avenue, all of Brooklyn. They were able to go home. The damage was \$5,000.

10 MIDGETS RIDE AS 5 IN TAXI; WIN HALF-FARE FIGHT IN COURT

Chauffeur Counts 'Em and Asks \$3, but Meter Reads \$1.50 and Row Ensues.

Are ten midgets crowded into one taxicab to be considered as ten passengers, or are two to be considered as one full-sized passenger, thereby reducing the number of fees to five? This was the puzzle, equal to al-

WILSON OBSERVES 65TH BIRTHDAY AT CAPITAL HOME



MR. WILSON ON HIS 65TH BIRTHDAY

Former President, photographed in Washington yesterday, shows remarkable recovery in health nine months after he gave up the weighty affairs of state. Mr. Wilson spent the day quietly receiving the congratulations of his friends and later went motoring.

AVIATOR TRIES FOR ENDURANCE RECORD

An attempt to break the world's time record for a non-stop airplane flight is being made at Hazelhurst Field, Mineola, L. I., by Edward Stinson in a J. L. 6 all-metal monoplane. The record is 24 hours, 19 minutes and 7 seconds, made in June, 1920, at Villeneuve-la-Mareuil, France, in a Farman Goliath biplane.

With Stinson in the driver's seat and Loyd Bertaud beside him as mechanic and relief pilot, the machine took the air at 9 o'clock this morning, despite a snowstorm. All arrangements for the flight had been made, and at a conference of the pilots and John M. Larsen, of the J. L. Aircraft Corporation, it was decided not to permit the low "ceiling" to prevent the start.

The machine will circle over the country in the vicinity of Mineola during the flight. The monoplane is powered with A. B. M. W. 185-horse power motor. The French record-holding machine had two 260-horse power Salmon motors.

The plane was still aloft a little before 3 o'clock this afternoon. At that time a strong northwest wind was blowing. The weather forecast predicted gales from that quarter during the night.

The point at issue was whether the midgets should pay the chauffeur the \$3 he demanded for transporting

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BANDITS HOLD UP A RESTAURANT ON BROADWAY; FLEE

Crowd Sees Pistol Battle in 50-Mile an Hour Chase by Police in Taxi.

\$18 IS ROBBERS' LOOT.

Automat Diners, at Revolver Points, Forced to Stand Up and Throw Up Hands.

Harry Loaner, cashier of the Horn & Hartart Automat restaurant in the basement of No. 1441 Broadway, at 41st Street, put \$2,000 in the safe and locked it at 1 A. M. to-day and then turned to count between \$15 and \$18 left out for change.

There were eating at the tables twelve or fifteen customers, including four or five women. Three well dressed young men came down the stairs, one halting where he could command a view of the street at the head of the stairs and the interior of the restaurant.

The other two walked up to the desk and one asked change for a \$10 bill. Loaner reached down and brought up the sack of silver he had left out for change, and when he looked up the man had substituted a revolver for the \$10 bill.

The bandit standing guard at the stairs also had a revolver, and as he swept the restaurant with it, he said so all could hear.

"Hands up, every d—d one of you! Stand up and keep your hands up!"

All the customers and six employees who were in the restaurant promptly stood up and elevated their hands. One of the women became hysterical and flopped down in a chair.

"It's all right, lady," said the look-out at the door, "if you can't stand up, sit down, but keep your hands up."

While one of the two robbers at the cashier's desk kept Loaner covered with a revolver, the other went around and scooped up all the change in sight, not more than \$18. No effort was made to get into the safe or to rob any of the customers.

The only person who started into the restaurant during the stick-up saw the guardian with drawn revolver and ran down the street until he found Policeman Philip Lutz of the West 30th Street Station.

The robbers had run out and jumped into a waiting taxicab as the policeman arrived, and the taxi started down Broadway at a 50-mile clip. Lutz got on the running board of another taxi and ordered the chauffeur to give it all the "gas" he had.

The robbers' car went one block and turned on two wheels into 40th Street, then into Seventh Avenue. The streets were well filled with after-theatre crowds, and scores of private cars and taxicabs trailed long in the chase.

Every time Lutz thought it safe he fired at the fleeing machine, and the bandits fired back. The robbers' chauffeur soon became wary then and began dodging in and out of dark side streets, finally escaping.

The patrons in the restaurant had to wait an hour, by order of the police, for detectives, and say that all they were told then was to tell nothing about their experience to newspaper reporters.

GERMAN MARKS NOW TOTAL 109,000,000,000

In One Week, Presses Add Four and a Half Billion More.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—New currency to the amount of 4,500,000,000 marks was placed in circulation during the third week of December, it is shown by figures available to-day.

The total currency issue is now 109,000,000,000 marks.

TWO BANK OFFICIALS SLAIN, WATCHMAN AND BANDIT SHOT IN PEARL RIVER BANK HOLDUP

Teller and Clerk Shot Down by Two Robbers in Absence at Lunch of Co-Workers—Bandits Escape, but Several Posses Are Scouring the Countryside.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PEARL RIVER, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Quarter of an hour after folks along Central Avenue had noted it was 12:15 o'clock by observing President W. A. Serven of the First National Bank and Frederick Hall, cashier, walk together from the bank down past the fence of the Serven lumber yard, a fusillade of revolver shots sounded from the bank building.

Otto Muller, watchman at the Dexter Folder Company railroad siding, started on the run toward the bank. He was struck by a bullet, which had clicked through the window of the bank, and fell headlong.

MOVIE ACTRESS REPORTED ELOPED WITH MILLIONAIRE



MARY MILES MINTER

Mary Miles Minter and Thomas E. Dixon Became Engaged at Xmas Party.

Mary Miles Minter, motion picture actress, who became engaged to Thomas E. Dixon, son of the millionaire pencil manufacturer, at a Christmas party in Hollywood, is believed to have eloped with him last night, according to reports received here to-day.

Mrs. Charlotte Shelby, mother of Miss Minter, who left New York yesterday afternoon for California, said she knew her daughter was engaged to Mr. Dixon but did not take the report of her marriage seriously.

"I saw a letter written by Mary to her grandmother in which she said they were having a Christmas party and that Mr. Dixon came in late. She then announced that she had promised to marry him. I am sure it was all a joke."

Neither Miss Minter nor Mr. Dixon could be located in Hollywood last night. She is twenty and considered one of the most beautiful of screen actresses. Her salary is said to be \$100,000 a year. It is not believed marriage will cause her to give up her work. Mr. Dixon is twenty-seven, a Yale graduate, and was a captain of aviation in the war. He and Miss Minter became friends four years ago when he was stationed at a camp near San Bernardino. He lives at the Yale Club in New York and left for California three weeks ago.

Two men ran out of the bank, making for an automobile in which two men were waiting a hundred yards from the entrance. One of them was hit by a bullet fired from somewhere up the street and fell. The other dragged him into the automobile, which started swiftly and took the road which leads to New York City through the Hackensack Valley.

The first persons to reach the bank found James B. Moore, the teller, thirty-five years old, and Siegfried Butz, his clerk, twenty years old, lying dead on the floor behind the counter. There was no one to tell the story of the killing. The two women bookkeepers had left for their luncheon before the President and Cashier.

The village was thrown into the wildest confusion as the news flashed along the streets. There was a crowd in front of the bank in five minutes.

In five more minutes, except for a few women and children, it had melted away again. Nearly every man in town had run home for firearms and had started in his own automobile or that of somebody else on the search for the thieves or to telephone an alarm to neighboring towns and cities. The resulting wire congestion was such that all incoming calls were shut off for nearly an hour.

It was not for an hour after the murders that any one thought to discover whether or not the thieves had carried away any of the bank's money. Several of the directors met with President Serven and Mr. Hall and began a laborious checking up of the cash in the drawers in the safe to ascertain what loss, if any, there had been. They were still in session at an hour and a half later and unwilling to give out their opinions.

First reports from Pearl River reached Sheriff Merritt at New City, the County seat, within a few minutes after the robbers dashed out at Pearl River. He at once set in motion the machinery arranged by which the rural communities, Greater New York and Jersey City for just such emergencies. In every town of Rockland County and in all Northern New Jersey, constables and police were put on their guard to look for four men, one of them wounded, who could not account for themselves.

Patrols were dispatched from the New Jersey border far up the Hudson by the State Constabulary, which has a divisional headquarters at Spring Valley, three miles from Pearl River. An incomplete description of the automobile of the bandits was obtained from employees of the Dexter Folder Company, who were on the streets for the lunch hour. One boy said the car carried a New Jersey license number, with which he furnished the village police. Another said he saw the car outside of town.

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